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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SITREP NO. 9 AS OF 1700 EDT 10/22/73

1. CEASEFIRE: EGYPT AND ISRAEL ORDERED THEIR FORCES TO CEASEFIRE AS OF 1252 EDT BUT PRESS AGENCIES REPORT CEASEFIRE ACTUALLY WENT INTO EFFECT AT 1312 EDT. ISRAELIS CLAIM THAT THEIR FORCES HOLD BRIDGEHEAD ON WEST BANK 32 KILOMETERS DEEP AND 40 KILOMETERS WIDE ASTRIDE BOTH CAIRO-ISMAILIA AND CAIRO-SUEZ CITY ROADS. EGYPTIANS CLAIM THAT ISRAELI TASK FORCE HAS ADVANCED ONLY 9.5 KILOMETERS FROM CANAL AND WAS SURROUNDED IN TWO SMALL POCKETS. EGYPTIANS CLAIM ISRAELIS HAVE NOT CUT ANY MAJOR ROADS. EGYPTIANS MAINTAIN BRIDGEHEADS IN TWO ENCLAVES ON EAST BANK TO MAXIMUM DEPTH OF 10 KILOMETERS.

2. IN ANNOUNCING CEASEFIRE, CAIRO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INDIAN AND FRENCH STATEMENTS IN UNSC AS CASTING NECESSARY ILLUMINATION ON MEANING OF UNSC CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. IN CAIRO ANNOUNCEMENT SADAT SAID THAT FOLLOWING WERE "SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATIONS" DURING STUDY OF CEASEFIRE QUESTION:
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(A) SADAT PEACE PLAN MAKING TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ABSOLUTE BASIS FOR POLITICAL ACTION; (B) SADAT-KOSYGIN TALKS OCT 16-19; (C) ASSURANCES SADAT RECEIVED FROM

BREZHNEV OCT. 21; AND (D) INTER-ARAB CONTACTS. UPI QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO AS SAYING THAT ELIMINATION OF ISRAELI TASK FORCE ON WEST BANK OF CANAL WOULD BE VITAL PRELUDE TO POLITICAL ACTION.

3. IN LONDON OBSERVER INTERVIEW OCT 20, EDITOR OF AL AHRAH, HEYKAL, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT SADAT'S OFFER OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE MEANT THAT EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS WERE READY TO SIT AT SAME TABLE WITH ISRAELIS AND SIGN PROPER PEACE TREATY WITH THEM. HE ADDED THAT SADAT'S INSISTENCE ON PRIOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES NEED NOT BE TAKEN TOO LITERALLY. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT ISRAEL DEMONSTRATED IT WAS READY IN PRINCIPLE TO GIVE BACK MOST OF LAND WON IN 1967.

4. ISRAEL DID NOT AGREE TO CEASEFIRE ON SYRIAN FRONT IN ABSENCE OF SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO UNSC RESOLUTION. SYRIAN LEADERS ARE REPORTED TO BE STUDYING RESOLUTION AND UNTSO REPORTS THAT IN AREA OF OP'S FIRING HAS CEASED FOR NOW ON GOLAN HEIGHTS. IRAQ HAS REJECTED CEASEFIRE AS HAS LIBYA. JORDAN SAYS IT ACCEPTS CEASEFIRE BUT KING HUSSEIN TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT JORDANIAN FORCES FIGHTING IN SYRIA COME UNDER SYRIAN COMMAND. AMBASSADOR ARGUED THAT THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND URGED KING NOT TO LET JORDANIAN ARMY BECOME INVOLVED IN SYRIAN-IRAQI-JORDANIAN ATTACK SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OCT. 23. JORDAN HAS REPORTEDLY NOW SENT SECOND ARMORED BRIGADE INTO SYRIA.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PLO ANNOUNCED THAT FEDAYEEN WOULD CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST ISRAEL. DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTED THAT ISRAEL WAS SHELLING SOUTHERN LEBANESE VILLAGES BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT. UNTSO REPORTED HEAVY MACHINE GUN AND ROCKET FIRE ON LEBANESE BORDER NIGHT OF OCT 21 AND SAID FEDAYEEN WERE RESPONSIBLE.

6. EC NINE MET OCT. 22 AND UK FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID
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THERE HAD BEEN "PRETTY GOOD UNANIMITY" ON MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND SAID THAT NINE WOULD HELP IN PEACE-KEEPING IF NECESSARY. HOME ADDED THAT "ARMS LIMITATION OR AN EMBARGO WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF PERMANENT SETTLEMENT."
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